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In re Patent Application of:)	Examiner:	Unknown
Yoichiro Iwa et al.)	Group Art Unit:	2877
Serial No.: 10/668,461)		
Filing Date: September 23, 2003)		
For: LASER LIGHT SOURCE DEVICE)		
AND SURFACE INSPECTION)		
APPARATUS USING IT)		

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 in connection with the above application and in addition to the documents cited in the PTO-1449 filed on October 14, 2003. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Copies of the listed documents are attached.

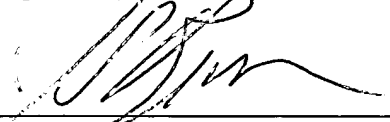
Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration of relevant portions thereof by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a) exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees in connection with the filing of this statement to our Deposit Account No. 50-0305.

Respectfully submitted,



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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	US 2001/0035951 A1	11/01/01	Isozaki et al.	G01N	21/00	

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	WO 00/57229	09/28/00	PCT	G02B	6/42	x	
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
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